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SUBJ: SAHELIAN ZONE DROUGHT

1. IN PRESS RELEASE ENTITLED " WFP INCREASES AID TO
DROUGHT STRICKEN WEST AFRICA" WFP ANNOUNCED IN ROME
\$2,657,000 IN EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR NIGER AND MALI
ON MARCH 16.

2. TEXT PRESS RELEASE AS FOLLOWS:

WFP ANNOUNCED TODAY IT WILL PROVIDE US DOLLAR 2,657,000
IN EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO NIGER AND MALI TWO OF THE
DROUGHT STRICKEN COUNTRIES IN WESTERN AFRICAN.

THE LATEST GRANT BRINGS THE TOTAL EMERGENCY RELIEF
PROVIDED OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS TO FIVE WEST AFRICAN
COUNTRIES, WHERE CROPS AND PASTURES OVER LARGE AREAS HAVE
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DRIED UP FOR LACK OF RAIN, TO US DOLLAR 6,000,000. DROUGHT
AID HAS GONE PREVIOUSLY TO SENEGAL, MAURITANIA AND CHAD.

THE AID TO NIGER AND MALI WAS AUTHORIZED BY
DR A. H. BOERMA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATION
OF DR FRANCISCO AQUINO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UN/ FAO
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME.

NIGER WILL RECEIVE 10,000 TONS OF SORGHUM FOR 250,000
PERSONS FOR 100 DAYS MALI WILL RECEIVE 5,000 TONS OF
SORGHUM FOR 250,000 PERSONS FOR SEVEN WEEKS IN ADDITION
TO STUDENTS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS, FOR CHILDREN OF THE
NOMADS AND HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

INTERNAL TRANSPORT COSTS NORMALLY BORNE FULLY BY
COUNTRIES RECEIVING WFP AID ARE SUBSIDIZED EXCEPTIONALLY
IN THIS CASE THROUGH TWO MEASURES: ONE A CASH
SUBSIDY FROM WFP OF US DOLLAR 20 PER TONS AND TWO,
PERMISSION TO SELL 25 PERCENT OF THE WFP SUPPLIED SORGHUM
AT PRICES WILL BELOW THE CURRENT MARKET RATES.

THE DROUGHT CREATING CONDITIONS BORDERING ON FAMINE
HAS TAKEN A HEAVY TOLL OF CATTLE MOSTLY OWNED BY THE
NOMADIC AND SEMINOMADIC INHABITANTS IN THE WEST
AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

IN ADDITION TO EMERGENCY RELIEF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ORGANIZATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
HAVE DRAWN UP A CRASH PROGRAMME TO SALVAGE CATTLE PRESERVE
MEAT OF THE ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND EXPLORE MEASURES TO
FIND AND CONSERVE WATER.
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